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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

This Amendment and Response to Advisory Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the final Office action, dated August 9, 2006 ("Office Action"), and the Advisory Action, dated October 18, 2006. A three-month period for reply was set by the Office Action. Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time for response and the extension fee will be paid online concurrent with the filing of this Amendment. Thus, a timely response to the Advisory Action is filed on or before December 9, 2006. If any additional fees are required to file this Amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4550.

Please amend the claims as set forth beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5 and conclude on page 9.

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<u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION</u>

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Remarks begin on page 5 and conclude on page 11.

One reference (Klug, J. Mol. Biol., 293:215-218, 1999), which is discussed in the Remarks, is attached to the end of this Amendment.

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<u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION</u>

This Amendment and Response to Advisory Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the final Office action, dated October 5, 2005 ("Office Action"), and the Advisory Action, dated December 27, 2005. A three-month period for reply to the Office Action was set; thus, this Amendment is timely filed on or before January 5, 2006.

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This Amendment and Response to Final Office Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the final Office action, dated October 5, 2005. A three-month period for reply was set; therefore, a response (without extension fee payment) is due on or before January 5, 2006. This Amendment is filed within two months of the mailing date of the Office Action (i.e., by December 5, 2005) and, therefore, receives the potential benefit described on page 7 of the Office Action. It is believed that no fees are required in connection with this filing; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be required to the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal letter.

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Remarks begin on page 8 of this Amendment.